

**Minutes of the Southern Utah Veterans Home-Ivins,
Advisory Board Meeting,
November 10, 2016**

In Attendance: Terry Dunne (Chairman), Lloyd Laycook (Vice Chairman), Chris Hart (Board Member), Ron Lee (Board Member), Dr. Scott Smith (Board Member), Mel Brewer (Resident Board Member), Gary Harter (UDVMA Executive Director), Tony Moore (State Officer), Jerry Olson (Nursing Home Administrator), Other Visitors: Rob Robinson (DFCM Project Manager for the Memorial Park).

Excused: Board Members Jeff McKenna, Rodger Tracy

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dunne at 2:00 pm and all present were welcomed.

1. Prayer offered by Lloyd Laycook, Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Dunne.
2. Minutes of September 8, 2016 Meeting referenced for individual read.
3. Administrator Olson provided the following:
 - a. VA Survey Results – The survey team inspected the facility 25-27 October and found no deficiencies. Jerry felt very fortunate that his staff was able to accomplish this but recognized that there is always room for improvement. State Survey is expected within the next 60 days.
 - b. We served the community by serving as a voting polling station on 8 November for the general election.
 - c. The relationship between the Veterans Home and Rocky Vista University is progressing very well.
 - d. We will be hosting our annual Veterans Day 5k fun run/1mi walk on Saturday 12 November. We have partnered with the local Snow Canyon Cone Site schools to assist and interact with the residents during multiple events thru Christmas.
4. State Officer Report (Tony Moore):
 - a. Introduced himself to the board members who he had not met yet.
 - b. Introduced Rob Robinson (DFCM Memorial Park Project Manager) for a quick update on the Memorial Park. The park design is complete and the documents will be ready for bidding in December. Construction is to be complete by the end of April.
 - c. Request for new board member suggestions made. Would like a woman on the board and someone from another county besides Washington County. A question about board composition was made and answered. Two questions for consideration; 1) Is there any conflict with having a Rocky Vista University Official on the board? 2) Is there any conflict with have an official from Intermountain Healthcare on the board? Gary explained that soon the state would allow board members to participate via phone conference. Allowing participation

via phone conference should improve the prospects of having board members who live farther away.

- d. A suggestion was presented to change the Advisory Board Meeting schedule from every other month to every third month or quarterly starting in 2017. The motion was made by Chairman Dunne, seconded by Lloyd Laycook, motion unanimously approved.
 - e. Presentation of the Honor Wall plaques will be just prior to the next board meeting. Still looking at options to move the Honor Wall display.
5. Resident Report (Board Member Brewer): Discussed the different events since the last board meeting and provided an events page for the meeting packet.
- a. Past Events: October 13th – Navy Birthday Party; October 15th – Annual Resident Luau; October 21st – Family Orientation Meeting; October 25th – Elk’s Club Halloween Party; October 29th – Halloween Trick or Treat.
6. Departmental Update from Gary Harter:
- a. The state standardized board composition across all departments.
 - b. Veterans Voice publication available in print and on-line. This publication is release every other month.
 - c. Gary will be attending Veterans Day events at Cedar City on Friday, and at Sun River on Saturday.
 - d. Gary gave a quick update on the egress door issue. The Payson facility egress door modification is complete. The Ogden facility was cited and the modifications will be made soon. The department attempted to petition the inspector to change his decision, but he will not and recourse action is too costly. When the Ivins facility is cited we will make the modification. We will continue to pursue an administrative law review.
 - e. The Payson facility will be renamed in honor of CAPT Mervyn Sharp Bennion on 7 December 2016. Capt Bennion posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor.
7. Board Business Items:
- a. Lloyd Laycook announced that he has arranged a veterans benefit informational program for the 5 counties in Kanab.
 - b. Lloyd also offered to the home, 2 electric wheelchairs.
8. The Meeting was adjourned by motion from Lloyd Laycook, seconded by Mayor Hart and Chairman Dunne adjourned the meeting at 2:53 pm. Next Meetings tentatively to be held at 4:00 pm on:
- a. January 12, 2017
 - b. April 12, 2017